

PICUS MINIMUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum polyedrum, rectum: apice cuneatō.
Nares pennis setaceis recumbentibus obtectæ.
Lingua teres, lumbriciformis, longissima, mucronata, apice retrorsum aculeata setis.
Pedes scandorii.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 173.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS.

PICUS griseus, vertice coccineo, occipite nigro
albo punctato.

Species Picorum plurimæ exstant; sed omnium
specierum hactenus cognitarum hæc facile minimâ.
Tabula sistit aviculam magnitudine naturali. Caya-
nam in America Australi incolit.

THE
LEAST WOODPECKER.



GENERIC CHARACTER,

Bill angular, strait, cuneated at the tip.

Nostrils covered with reflected bristly feathers.

Tongue cylindric, worm-shaped, very long, sharp-pointed, and (generally) aculeated at the tip with reflex bristles.

Feet formed for climbing, viz. two toes forward and two backward.

Linn. Syst. Nat.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

CHESNUT-GREY WOODPECKER, with the top of the head crimson, and the back part black speckled with white.

Le tres petit PIC DE CAYENNE.

Buff. Ois. 7, p. 37.

MINUTE WOODPECKER.

Lath. Synops. vol. 1. p. 596.

The species of Woodpeckers are very numerous; and of all the species yet discovered, this is by far the least. The plate represents it in its natural size. It is a native of Cayenne in South America.



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